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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants and their attorney are aware of the following publications and information, listed on the attached PTO Form 1449, and in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97

on February 25, 1998 during the prosecution of PCT JP 97 03239 (Our File No. GIN-

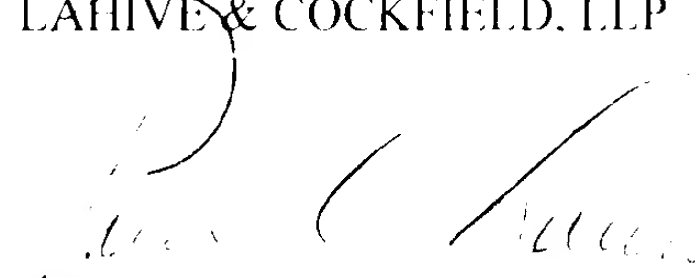
6704CPPC), which corresponds to the above referenced application. Full copies of the Partial International Search Report - Annex to Invitation to Pay Additional Fees and each cited publication are enclosed.

This statement is not to be interpreted as a representation that the cited publications are material, that an exhaustive search has been conducted, or that no other relevant information exists. Nor shall the citation of any publication herein be construed *per se* as a representation that such publication is prior art. Moreover, Applicants understand that the Examiner will make an independent evaluation of the cited publications.

Under 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(3), no additional costs are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this disclosure. If, however, a first Office Action on the merits issues in this application bearing a mailing date prior to the date of this Information Disclosure Statement, please charge the appropriate fee as required under 37 CFR §1.17(p) to our Deposit Order Account No. 12-0080.

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